



US 14/WIS 11 corridor study

Janesville to I-43

Rock and Walworth counties

Project ID 1706-05-00

Public Information Meeting

June 28, 2005

**Holiday Inn Express
Janesville, Wisconsin**

Welcome to the public information meeting for the US 14/WIS 11 Corridor Study. Your participation and involvement in these public meetings will ensure transportation needs now and in the foreseeable future around Janesville will be accurately measured and considered.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with a forum to provide detailed information to the study team. This is your opportunity to become a member of the team.

The purpose of the study is to understand the existing facility; inventory human and natural resources; suggest a complete range of reasonable and feasible transportation solutions; assess positive and negative affects these solutions may have; and to predict transportation problems that may occur now and into the foreseeable future around Janesville.

The handout and the exhibits on display will help familiarize you with the project area. Please view these exhibits and ask questions or make comments to your Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) representative or consulting engineers and planners in attendance. They will be available to discuss additional project details, answer questions, or compile the data you provide on a one on one basis after this presentation. A "comment form" is attached to this handout for your convenience, which may be returned to the box at the registration table tonight or returned by mail in the prepaid envelope provided at the registration table. You may also provide information to us via e-mail, fax or telephone. Contact information may be found on the third page of this handout. We ask that all comments be returned by Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project update – WisDOT began studying the US 14/WIS 11 corridor between US 51 in Janesville and I-43 near Darien in 2003. Responding to requests received from the public and their local officials, the original study area limits (US 51 to I-43) have been expanded to include studying a potential connection between US 14 and the existing WIS 11 bypass west of Janesville.



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The “data gathering” phase, for the original project limits is completed, and alternative development for that segment has begun. Data gathering for the newly added west segment will take place over the next couple of months, followed by alternative development. During the data gathering phase of the study, we will obtain existing and projected traffic volumes, crash data, and information on natural and cultural resources in the project area.

Participants at this public information meeting become part of the project team by providing data and intimate local knowledge gained by daily use of US 14 and WIS 11 around Janesville.

Once a full range of potential alternatives has been developed for the project area, different alternatives will be evaluated based on level of safety improvement, cost, right-of-way needs, land use, engineering factors, environmental impacts, and local impacts. All methods of avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating identified social and environmental impacts will be explored. After the range of alternatives is narrowed to a list of reasonable and feasible alternatives, the project team will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The purpose of the DEIS is to analyze and compare impacts of these alternatives, including a “no-build” alternative. The “no build” alternative is an alternative that assumes no improvements will be made to the highway. Other alternatives to be studied may include improvements to the existing alignment, or constructing improvements on new alignments. Potential improvement alternatives will focus on improving safety and capacity. The Final EIS (FEIS) will recommend a preferred alternative from the alternatives selected for detailed study. The study is expected to last about two more years, ending late in 2007.

Public involvement – Please feel free to exchange information with your study team at any time throughout the development of this project. Public information meetings will be held several more times throughout the study process. As they are developed, various improvement alternatives will be presented for open discussion at these meetings. In addition, two committees have been formed as members of the study team. Their role on the team is to provide technical data, detailed information about the project area, and local advice for inclusion in project documents and analysis. The “Advisory Committee” is composed of state and local officials. The “Technical Committee” is composed of area transportation and planning experts from the counties, towns, and cities in the study area. Business and property owners will be interviewed to better understand their transportation and access needs. Throughout the process, the project team will develop and distribute project newsletters to keep you informed. There is also a project website that can be accessed at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/wis11study/index.htm>.



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Again, if you have information you would like to share, please contact one of the people listed in this handout.

Proposed time schedule – The timetable below indicates the schedule for the US 14/WIS 11 corridor study.

Public Information Meeting (addition of west segment)	June 28, 2005
Public Information Meeting (Alternatives)	Winter 2005 – 2006
Public Information Meeting (Alternative Impacts)	Spring 2006
Draft EIS	Summer 2006
Final EIS	Winter 2006 – 2007
Record of Decision	Summer/Fall 2007

PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout or presented here today, or if you would like your name added to the mailing list for future announcements, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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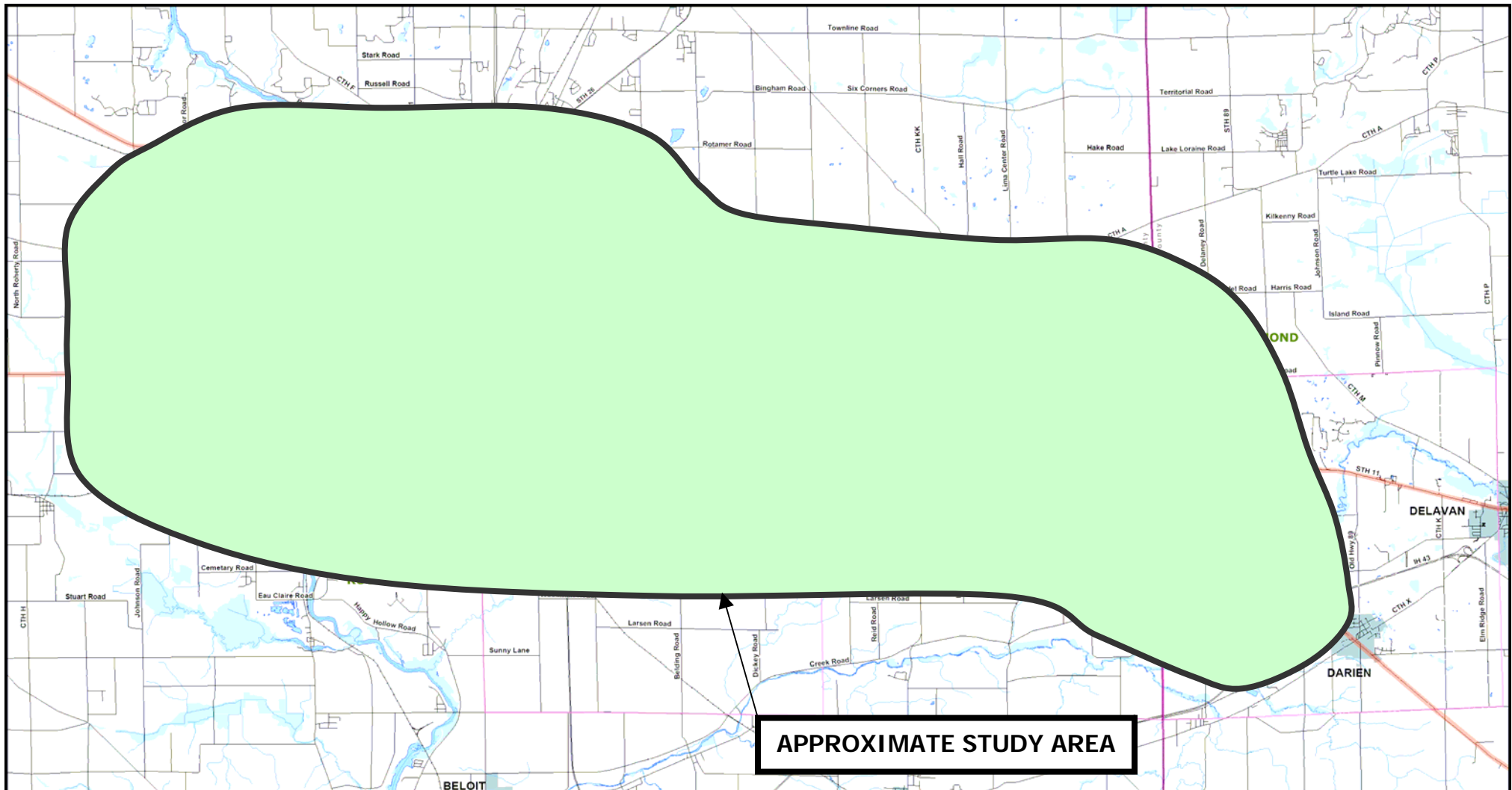
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Visit the project Web site at
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/wis11study/index.htm>
to stay involved with this project.

Telecommunication device for the deaf services (TDD) calls can be placed through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (1-800-WI-RELAY or 1-800-947-3529).



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